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17th September 2023: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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FIRE SAFETY NOTICE: If anyone has difficulty in hearing, walking or anything else that may slow down safe exit in the event of a fire, please let us know before the service starts, so that we can arrange for assistance for you.

Services for the forthcoming week

Saturday 16th September	Vigil: 24th Sunday	6pm (SSJFTM)	George Parsons RIP (Bday)
Sunday 17th September	24th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am (SSJFTM) 10am (St T) Noon (St T)	Patrick & Elisabeth Murray RIP (Ann) Mike, Kevin & Barbara O'Brien RIP Margaret Atkinson RIP <i>Francis McDonagh RIP MOVED</i> <i>Ben Donaghue RIP MOVED</i>
Monday 18th September	Communion	9.15am (St T)	
Tuesday 19th September	Communion	9.15am (St T)	
Wednesday 20th Sept.	No service		
Thursday 21st September	Communion	9.15am (St T)	<i>Johnny Corry RIP (Bday) MOVED</i>
Friday 22nd September	Communion	9.15am (St T)	<i>Michael & Myrtle McCarthy RIP (Bday) MOVED</i>
Saturday 23rd September	Vigil: 25th Sunday	6pm (SSJFTM)	Eanna Starcken RIP

THERE WILL BE NO WEEKDAY MASSES FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE.
No confessions this weekend

Liturgy of the Word - 17th September 2023

Entrance Antiphon:	Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.
Responsorial Psalm:	The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy
Gospel Acclamation:	Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening; you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!
Next Sunday Readings:	Isaiah 55:6-9, Psalm 144:2-3,8-9,17-18, Rsp. V18, Philippians 1:20-24,27, Matthew 20:1-16

Reflection for 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Who do you ask to forgive you?

To forgive someone who has hurt or offended us is never easy, sometimes very difficult. Nevertheless, to forgive is to be in a position of strength, we are the injured one, we are doing the giving, we are in control, it makes us feel good & we have something to gain from it. To ask for forgiveness can be a lot harder. The Our Father contains what St Augustine called "the terrifying petition"; asking God to forgive us in the same way that we forgive others.

According to Jewish law, sins committed against God can be absolved by sincere repentance, but for those committed against fellow humans, you must first seek the forgiveness of those whom we have wronged. This, in order to be in a position to invoke divine mercy.

There is a story of an elderly rabbi boarding a train in Poland, in his compartment where three men playing cards they needed a fourth player & asked him. The rabbi politely refused saying that he had been busy all day & needed to catch up on his prayers, anyway he didn't play cards. They tried to persuade him, he refused, they became hostile & abusive, throwing him out to stand in the corridor for the rest of the journey. On arrival, all departed the train & the rabbi was greeted by a large crowd. On seeing this one of the men enquired who he was & was told that he was the most revered rabbi in Poland. On hearing this, the man regretted what he'd done, he went up to the rabbi & asked for forgiveness, the rabbi refused. When challenged the rabbi replied, "I cannot forgive him, he didn't offend me, the chief rabbi, he offended a common man. Let him go to him and ask for forgiveness"

The man only asked for forgiveness because he had offended a famous person. Is this how we ask for forgiveness from God? Maybe God thinks the same way as the rabbi and wonders why we ask him for forgiveness for offending a person, instead of going to the person themselves, telling them we are sorry & asking for forgiveness from them. By doing that we open the door and God's forgiveness flows in.

Monthly Standing Orders: £3,885

Offertory for the last fortnight

Envelopes £ 412

Loose Plate £ 830.44

Contactless donations £ 390

Total for weekends of 27th August & 3rd Sep £1,632.44



Still scrabbling around for cash for the Offertory? Keep forgetting to bring your envelopes?, **why not think about donating by Standing Order?** All you need to do is pick up a standing order mandate & complete & return to us. **Some planned giving envelopes still to be collected.**



Certificates of Catholic Practice: With Fr Dominic likely to be away for a while, Sue is discussing with the local schools what should be done to certify these certificates. **Please do not call** the Parish Office, once a process has been agreed, it will be put in the newsletter



St Vincent de Paul Society
England and Wales
Turning Concern into Action

SVP are still active in borehamwood and are here to help anyone in need. We are available to talk if you are lonely or if you need support in any way.

St Vincent De-Paul

phone number is:

[07479 847130](tel:07479847130)

Email:

SVPBorehamwood@gmail.com



LORETO COLLEGE Hatfield Road, St Albans, Herts, AL1 3RQ OPEN EVENING (SECONDARY TRANSFER 2024) The Open Evening for prospective pupils applying to Loreto College for September 2024 will take place on **TUESDAY 26th SEPTEMBER 2023 from 4.30pm to 7.30pm**. Tours during the school day will take place between 2nd - 13th October (by appointment only). Appointments can be made by calling 01727 856206.



Nicholas Breakspear Catholic School looks forward to welcoming prospective students and their families to their **Open Evening on Thursday 5th October 2023 from 5.30pm to 8.30pm**



THE BAPTISM COURSE PLANNED FOR SEPTEMBER HAS BEEN CANCELLED. Any one registered to attend has been contacted by Sue - if you haven't heard anything, please call the office. At the moment we are managing to get baptisms that are already booked, taken by Priests who are kindly helping us out.



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES 23-24 ONLINE APPLICATIONS FOR FHC & CONFIRMATION VIA WEBSITE ONLY UNDER "SACRAMENTS" TAB.

CLOSING THIS WEEKEND

ALL APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BEFORE 14th SEPTEMBER HAVE BEEN REPLIED TO - CHECK YOUR SPAM IF YOU HAVEN'T HEARD YET



BAPTISMS: We welcome Phelan James who is being baptised this weekend. Our baptisms take place on a Saturday afternoon, at either Noon, 1pm or 2pm, with a Rite of Welcome at your usual Mass the weekend before. They are individual ceremonies. If you would like your child to be baptised, please complete the registration form over the website (under Sacraments). You will also need to attend a Baptism Preparation Course - you will be asked to book via the website when you submit your registration. **There are just a few dates left in 2023, please make sure your date is arranged & confirmed by Sue before you invite guests!**

FAMILY NIGHT

- Games, Music and a chance to catch up after the Summer

Saturday 23rd September

7pm - 9.30pm

St Teresa's Parish Centre

LAST CHANCE TO GET TICKETS



Tickets on sale after Masses or at Parish office.

£10 Family ticket / £3 Single

Bring your own refreshments

Fr Dominic's absence - an update from Sue.

For the next couple of weekend we have the Fathers from Garston helping us out again; a huge thank you to them. In the absence of Fr Dominic there will be no weekday masses. Sr Avril will take a service of communion once a week and Nick has also been taking Communion Services during the week. If there are any Eucharistic Ministers who would be happy to take a service and give Nick a break, please let me know.

I visited Fr Dominic in hospital this week and took with me all the cards & get well messages; he was very touched by them all, thank you. We are still waiting for the results of various tests, but as he is so poorly, they have decided to keep him in hospital until we get the results back. Currently it is still only family allowed to visit him. The uncertainty does mean that I am unable to firm up dates for lots of things, as we are unsure when he will be able to return to the parish, so please bear with me. As we only have Priests of a weekend there are certain things that I just cannot do at the moment, I hope that you will understand.



International Lunch: Sunday 1st October is St Teresa's Feast Day, (although as it is a Sunday it isn't mentioned this year), this can only mean the return of our the International Lunch, to be held on 1st October at St Teresa's Parish Centre after midday mass. Please bring your home cooked family dishes to share with the congregation, the hall will be open on Sunday morning for you to drop off beforehand. Don't forget to wear your traditional costumes! This is a wonderful occasion for us to celebrate our rich, diverse and welcoming community. **HELPERS NEEDED TO SET UP THE HALL 4PM ON SUNDAY & TO CLEAR UP AFTERWARDS**